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## Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Victor MacArthur

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### Period for Reply

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### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 03/01/2004.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Priority***

Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in Germany on 8/30/2001. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the DE10142508 application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

### ***Claim Objections***

Claims 1, 8 and 15 are objected to because of the following informalities:

- Lines 2-6 of Claim 1 and the specification (p.8, ll.7-17) state that the first wall (2 of applicant's figure 1) extends substantially at a right angle to the second wall (3) and that the detent (6) is disposed on the inner side of the first wall (2). The drawings show that the detent (6) is disposed on a wall (5) that is not at a right angle to the second wall (3) but rather parallel to the second wall (3) and perpendicular to the first wall (2). By way of example the examiner has altered the wording of claim 1 in the prior art rejection to more clearly describe the invention. The claims and specification should be amended by the applicant in a similar manner.
- Claims 8 and 15 are similarly objected to though they have not been altered by the examiner.

Appropriate correction is required. For purposes of examining the instant invention, the examiner has assumed these corrections have been made.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Took U.S.

Patent 6155741.

Claim 1. Took discloses (figs.1 and 5) a joining device for attaching a body, comprising: a first body (22) having a first wall (left face of 22, as seen in fig.1) extending substantially at a right angle to a second wall (wall of 12 supporting 38) of a second body (12) into which the first body will be inserted, the first wall is connected to an inner side (side of 22 to the right of the left face); the inner side being parallel to the second wall, a detent boss (36) disposed on the inner side wherein the detent can be pressed into a detent opening (38) of the second body by force, and the detent boss being encircled by the second body in a pressed-in state; and a connection device (20) disposed in the first body for exerting the force on the detent boss.

Claim 2. Took discloses that the first body has a spring (leaf spring supporting 36) connected to the first wall and the detent boss is disposed on the spring.

Claim 3. Took discloses that the spring is disposed at an acute angle to the second wall (during insertion of 22 when 36 is deflected).

Claim 4. Took discloses that the spring is connected monobloc to the first wall (in that the spring and first wall are formed as one piece).

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Claim 5. Took discloses that the detent opening is a sack hole bore (in as much as the applicant's opening is) and the detent boss is configured for engaging the sack hole bore.

Claim 6. Took discloses that the connection device is a bolt.

Claim 7. Took discloses that the first body has a support wall (40) on an inside of the first wall, and substantially vertical to the first wall, and the connection device which is disposed between the support wall and the spring can be screwed or inserted into the first body.

Claim 8. Took discloses (figs. 1 and 5) a joining device for attaching to a first body (22), which can be inserted into a second body (12), the first body having a first wall (left face of 22) extending substantially at a right angle to a second wall (wall supporting 38) of the second body, the joining device comprising: a detent boss (36) disposed on an inner side of the first wall which can be pressed into a detent opening (38) of the second body by force, the detent boss being encircled by the second body in a pressed-in state; and a connection device (20) disposed in the first body for exerting the force on the detent boss.

Claim 9. Took discloses a spring (leaf spring supporting 36) connected to the first wall and the detent boss is disposed on the spring.

Claim 10. Took discloses that the spring is disposed at an acute angle to the second wall (during insertion of 22 when 36 is deflected).

Claim 11. Took discloses that the spring is connected monobloc to the first wall (in that they are formed as one piece).

Claim 12. Took discloses that the detent opening is a sack hole bore and the detent boss is configured for engaging the sack hole bore (in as much as the applicant's invention is).

Claim 13. Took discloses that the connection device is a bolt.

Claim 14. Took discloses that the first body has a support wall (40) on an inside of the first wall, and disposed substantially vertical to the first wall, and the connection device which is disposed between the support wall and the spring can be screwed or inserted into the first body.

Claim 15. Took discloses (col.1 and figs.1 and 5) a kitchen appliance (cable ladder capable of carrying wires for stoves, refrigerators, deep fryers, etc.), comprising: a first body (22) having a first wall (left face of 22 as seen in fig.1) with an inner side (right side of 22) and being a first housing part of the kitchen appliance; a second body (12) having a second wall (supporting 38) with a detent opening (38) formed therein and being a second housing part of the kitchen appliance, the first body being inserted into the second body, the first wall extending substantially at a right angle to the second wall of the second body; and a joining device containing: a detent boss (36) disposed on the inner side of the first wall that can be pressed into the detent opening of the second body by force, and the detent boss being encircled by the second body in a pressed-in state; and a connection device (20) disposed in the first body for exerting the force on the detent boss.

Claim 16. Took discloses that the first body is a floor part, the first wall is a floor plate, and the second body is a sheathing part and the second wall is a sheathing wall (in as much as the applicant's invention is).

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***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Referring to kitchen appliances:

Brezovnik U.S. Patent 6640694

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Victor MacArthur whose telephone number is (703) 305-5701.

The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am - 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel P. Stodola can be reached on (703) 308-2686. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.



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